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To: DOT STIP
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Subject: Juneau Access Project funding

To: Division of Program Development
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From: Karen, Jeff and Hannah Wilson
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To the Division of Program Development:

We are asking you to remove the Juneau Access Project from the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This road is unnecessary and potentially dangerous. We want to see our state transportation dollars spent on the thousands of miles of existing roads needing upkeep, and specifically in SE Alaska, on the ferry system, which is a very necessary transportation system in need of maintenance and upgrading.

We do not even have a realistic estimate of the costs of the Access Project without completion of the geotechnical evaluation taking place. A project without a realistic cost, and without an identified source for much of the projected funding, has no place alongside critically needed state transportation projects.

This project only serves to shorten, not eliminate, a ferry route. And in the process it will absorb hundreds of millions of dollars that are needed elsewhere, and cause drivers and passengers to take unnecessary risks along a route with high avalanche hazard and extremely difficult and expensive maintenance.

Please remove the Juneau Access Project from the STIP.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen, Jeff and Hannah Wilson